

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:                      Group Art Unit:  
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For: IMPROVED METHOD AND DEVICE FOR COUNTING INCLUSIONS  
IN A LIQUID METAL BATH WITH ULTRASOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**A new Abstract** to replace the abstract found on page 16  
of the specification, is found on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are found on page 3 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the drawings** are discussed on page 4 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.